AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for processing an electronic document, wherein the document ~~comprises~~ includes a plurality of data fields and wherein the document is an electronic bill made accessible by a first party to a second party via a computer network, comprising:

~~enabling~~ presenting, using a processor, information to the a second party ~~to add one or more further data fields to one or more of the data fields of the document,~~ wherein the information includes the plurality of data fields included in the electronic bill and a plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to a predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a first data field, wherein the first data field is a data field selected from the plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to the predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a second data field, wherein the second data field is a data field provided by the second party;

producing an accounting record from the electronic bill, based on the first data field and the second data field; and

sending the accounting record to the second party.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

enabling said second party to enter information into the ~~one or more further~~ second data field ~~fields~~.

3.   (Cancelled).

4.   (Cancelled).

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]] , further comprising:

writing, by the first party, financial information into the one or more further first

data fields field and adding the one or more further first data field fields to the electronic

bill.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

selecting the financial information from a the group consisting of financial objects,

accounting objects, and bookkeeping objects.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

writing a predefinable value into one or more of the further first data field fields.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving, from the

second party, the information including the second data field enabling said second party

to add one or more further data fields to one or more of the data fields of the document

comprises providing receiving one or more structured documents.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the structured document comprises data, ~~and/or~~ tags, or ~~and/or~~ program code, and ~~wherein~~ the structured document is accessible by the second party.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein at least one of the structured documents is a structured table, an XML-file, a HTML-file, or a java server page.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:

enabling the second party to characterize the electronic bill as accepted or refused.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of one claim 11, further comprising:

sending an accepted electronic bill to the second party ~~and/or~~ or ~~to~~ a payment service provider.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

creating an accounts record from an accepted bill and sending it to the second party.

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~two or more of the further~~ the plurality of data fields are structured hierarchical.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

assigning to the plurality of ~~one or more of the further~~ data fields a property

selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of displayable, non-displayable, optionally editable,

and mandatory editable.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

naming the plurality of ~~one or more of the further~~ data fields by the first party.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

checking an authorization of a user of the second party.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

making the document accessible to the second party by means of an intranet or

the Internet.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

counting the document ~~documents~~ and providing an invoice for the processing of

the document ~~documents~~ to the second party.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:

automatically starting a workflow for processing the electronic bill if the ~~an~~

electronic bill is received from a third party.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

sending an electronic notice, which includes a link to the document to an address contained in the workflow.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the workflow runs according to a predefinable sequence.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

automatically checking an authorization of a participant of the workflow.

24. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is for use with an enterprise accounting system.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising instructions for processing an electronic document, wherein the document comprises includes a plurality of data fields and wherein the document is made accessible by a first party to a second party via a computer network, said instructions comprising instructions for:

~~enabling~~ presenting, using a processor, information to the a second party ~~to add one or more further data fields to one or more of the data fields of the document~~, wherein the information includes the plurality of data fields included in the electronic bill and a plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to a predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a first data field, wherein the first data field is a data field selected from the plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to the predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a second data field, wherein the second data field is a data field provided by the second party;

producing an accounting record from the electronic bill, based on the first data field and the second data field; and

sending the accounting record to the second party.

29.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

enabling said second party to enter information into the ~~one or more further~~ second data field ~~fields~~.

30.   (Cancelled).

31.   (Cancelled).

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28 ~~31~~,

further comprising instructions for:

enabling said first party to write financial information into the first ~~one or more~~

~~further~~ data ~~fields~~ field and add the ~~one or more further~~ first data field ~~fields~~ to the

electronic bill.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28 [[32]],

further comprising instructions for:

selecting ~~the~~ financial information from ~~the~~ a group consisting of financial objects,

accounting objects, and bookkeeping objects.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further

comprising instructions for:

writing a predefinable value into ~~one or more of~~ the plurality of ~~further~~ data fields.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein

the instructions for receiving, from the second party, the information including the

second data field ~~enabling said second party to add one or more further data fields to~~

~~one or more of the data fields of the document~~ comprises instructions for providing one

or more structured documents.

36.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein the structured document comprises data, ~~and/or~~ tags, ~~and/or~~ or program code, and the structured document is accessible by the second party.

37.   (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein at least one of the structured documents is a structured table, an XML-file, a HTML-file, or a java server page.

38.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28 [[31]], further comprising instructions for:

enabling the second party to characterize the electronic bill as accepted or refused.

39.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 38, further comprising instructions for:

sending an accepted electronic bill to the second party ~~and/or~~ or ~~to~~ a payment service provider.

40.   (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 39, further comprising instructions for:

creating an accounts record from an accepted bill and sending it to the second party.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

hierarchically structuring ~~two or more of the further~~ the plurality of data fields.

42. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

assigning to ~~one or more of the further~~ the plurality of data fields a property selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of displayable, non-displayable, optionally editable, and mandatory editable.

43. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

naming the ~~one or more further~~ plurality of data fields.

44. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

checking an authorization of a user of the second party.

45. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

making the document accessible to the second party by means of an intranet or the Internet.

46.　(Currently Amended)　The computer readable medium of claim 28, further comprising instructions for:

counting the document ~~documents~~ and providing an invoice for ~~the~~ processing of the document ~~documents~~ to the second party.

47.　(Currently Amended)　The computer readable medium of one or more of claim ~~31~~ 28, further comprising instructions for:

automatically starting a workflow for processing ~~the~~ an electronic bill if the ~~an~~ electronic bill is received from a third party.

48.　(Original)　The computer readable medium of claim 47, further comprising instructions for:

sending an electronic notice, which includes a link to the document, to an address contained in the workflow.

49.　(Original)　The computer readable medium claim 47, wherein the workflow runs according to a predefinable sequence.

50.　(Original)　The computer readable medium of claim 47, further comprising instructions for:

automatically checking an authorization of a participant of the workflow.

51.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium ~~according to any of claims 28 to 50~~ of claim 28, wherein the computer readable medium is for use with an enterprise accounting system.

52.   (Cancelled).

53.   (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ system for processing an electronic document, wherein ~~documents using a computer system, in which~~ the document includes a plurality of ~~is available in electronic form with one or more~~ data fields ~~which contain~~ and wherein the document is an ~~information, and in which method one or more~~ electronic bill ~~documents are~~ made accessible to a second party by a first party via a computer network, the ~~method~~ system comprising:

a processor;

a memory storing instructions that cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

presenting information ~~automatically providing one or more structured documents~~ to the second party, ~~which allows the second party to add one or more further data fields to one or more data fields in the or each electronic document~~ wherein the information includes the plurality of data fields included in the electronic bill and a plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to a predefinable list;

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receiving, from the second party, information including a first data field, wherein the first data field is a data field selected from the plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to the predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a second data field, wherein the second data field is a data field provided by the second party;

producing an accounting record from the electronic bill, based on the first data field and the second data field; and

sending the accounting record to the second party.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein a reference to a ~~the~~ storage location of the ~~or each structured~~ document is presented to the second party.

55. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the second party uses a network connection to access the ~~structured~~ document.

56. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the ~~or each structured~~ document contains data, ~~and/or~~ tags, ~~and/or~~ or program code, so that the second party, which is accessing the ~~structured~~ document, is provided with a list of one or more data fields for selection, ~~and/or~~ editing, ~~and/or~~ or addition.

57.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the ~~structured~~ document is a structured table, an XML file, an HTML file, or a Java Server Page.

58.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the second party uses a web browser to access the ~~or each structured~~ document over a network or the Internet.

59.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the ~~structured~~ document contains a reference to ~~the~~ a storage location of the electronic document.

60.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the first ~~or each further~~ data field is preallocated a default value.

61.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the second party is provided with means for inputting information into the first ~~or each further~~ data field.

62.　(Currently Amended)　The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the document is an invoice.

63. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 62, wherein the second party is provided with means for acknowledging the invoice.

64. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, further comprising sending the ~~or each structured~~ document to the second party.

65. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the electronic document ~~and/or~~ or the information presented to the second party ~~structured document~~ is encrypted.

66. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system claim 53, wherein a workflow for processing the ~~or each structured~~ document is started.

67. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the electronic document is automatically checked for presetable criteria.

68. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 53, wherein the electronic document ~~and/or~~ or the ~~structured document~~ information presenting to the second party is digitally signed.

69. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 62, further comprising forwarding the invoice to a payment service.

70.   (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system ~~according to any one~~ of ~~claims~~ claim 53 ~~61 to 69~~, wherein the information presented to the second party is invoice information and comprises information regarding addresses for the invoice issuer, ~~and/or for~~ the invoice receiver, ~~and/or for,~~ the payment service, ~~and/or regarding~~ payment, ~~and/or regarding~~ VAT, ~~and/or regarding~~ invoice items with respect to the underlying order, or ~~and/or regarding~~ commentary.

71.   (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 62, wherein the ~~further~~ first data ~~fields are~~ is provided for inputting account assignment information.

72.   (Currently Amended) A method for processing a electronic document, ~~stored in a computer system of a first party, by a second party,~~ wherein the document is an electronic bill ~~comprises~~ that includes a plurality of data fields and wherein the document is made accessible by ~~the~~ a first party to ~~the~~ a second party via a computer network, the method comprising:

   ~~accessing~~ presenting, using a processor, information to the second party, wherein the information includes the plurality of ~~one or more structured documents presented by the first party and adding and/or editing one or more further~~ data fields ~~to the electronic document~~ included in the electronic bill ~~by means of said one or more structured documents~~ and a plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to a predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a first data field, wherein the first data field is a data field selected from the plurality of data fields proposed by the first party according to the predefinable list;

receiving, from the second party, information including a second data field, wherein the second data field is a data field provided by the second party;

producing an accounting record from the electronic bill, based on the first data field and the second data field; and

sending the accounting record to the second party.

73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, further comprising:

receiving a link to ~~one of~~ the information presented to the second party ~~structured documents~~.

74. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, further comprising:

accessing ~~the one of~~ the document ~~structured documents~~ via a network.

75. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, wherein:

~~at least one of the structured documents~~ the electronic document ~~comprise~~ comprises tags ~~and/or~~ or program code, for enabling the second party to select ~~one or more further~~ the first data field ~~fields, for~~ editing or ~~and/or~~ adding to the electronic document.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, wherein:

at least one of the structured documents the electronic document is a HTML file, XML file, ~~HTML- or XML-file~~, a structured table, or a Java Server Page.

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, wherein:

~~at least one of the structured documents~~ the information presented to the second party contains a link to the electronic document.

78. (Original) The method of claim 72, wherein:

the electronic document is an invoice.

79. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, further comprising:

entering financial information into the ~~one or more further~~ second data field ~~fields~~.

80. (Cancelled).

81. (Cancelled).

82. (Cancelled).